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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Fernando C. Frimm *et al.*  
Serial No.: 08/925,506  
Filed : September 8, 1997  
Title : SUBMERSIBLE OFFSHORE VESSEL

Art Unit : 3672  
Examiner : T. Mayo

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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 1999, please amend this application as follows:

**In the Drawings:**

A copy of Figures 1-3 and 5-10, with the changes marked in red, is submitted herewith for the Examiner's approval. A separate letter to the draftsman is attached.

**In the Claims:**

Please delete claims 7-10 and amend the remaining claims as follows:

Claim 1, line 12, please replace "such four" with --said at least four--.

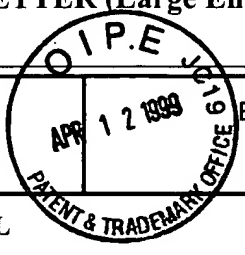
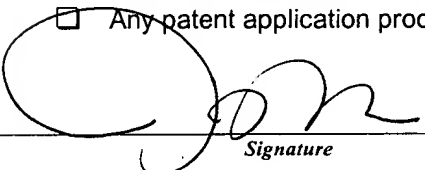
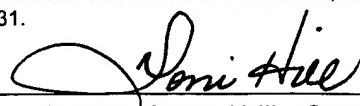
Please add the following new claims:

11. The semisubmersible vessel of claim 1, wherein the forward and aft sections of the ring pontoon have a reduced sectional height compared with the starboard and port sections of the ring pontoon.

91 12. The semisubmersible vessel of claim 1, wherein the ring pontoon is non-square.

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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				Docket No. 09389/002001	
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Invention: <b>SUBMERSIBLE OFFSHORE VESSEL</b>					
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>  Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment.  <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____            A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <b>500-591</b>            A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.  <input type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.         </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: right;">           Dated: <b>4/8/99</b> </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;">             Signature   <b>Jonathan P. Osha</b>  <b>ROSENTHAL &amp; OSHA L.L.P.</b>  <b>700 Louisiana, Suite 4550</b>  <b>Houston, Texas 77002</b>   <b>Telephone: (713) 228-8600</b>  <b>Facsimile: (713) 228-8778</b> </div> <div style="width: 35%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">           I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on <b>APRIL 8, 1999</b> with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.               Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence   <b>Toni Hill</b>            Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence         </div> </div> </div>					

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